

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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Worship Hours

Monday - Saturday 8:00AM Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM
 Reconciliation 3:45PM - 4:30PM
Sunday Mass 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM
 Holy Days 8:00AM and 7:00PM

This Week at Our Parish

Monday, December 3

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, December 5

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers
 7pm RCIA - Rectory

Thursday, December 6

7pm Lesson and Carols - Church

Friday, December 7

7pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception - Mass at 8am
 11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent
 Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses
 MHR Library open after 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings: December 3 - 9

- ◇ Monday: Is. 2:1-5, Mt. 8:5-11
- ◇ Tuesday: Is. 11:1-10, Lk. 10:21-24
- ◇ Wednesday: Is. 25:6-10a, Mt. 15:29-37
- ◇ Thursday: Is. 26:1-6, Mt. 7:21, 24-27
- ◇ Friday: Is. 29:17-24, Mt. 9:27-31
- ◇ Saturday: *Immaculate Conception*: Gn. 3:9-15, 20, Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk. 1:26-38
- ◇ Sunday: Bar. 5:1-9, Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk. 1:26-38



Fr. Matt's Message

At this first Sunday of Advent each year the Church invites us to embark on the journey of the Liturgical Year. When we start this new year in the church, we set out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In the course of the year, Christ's whole life and teaching will pass before us. We will revisit all the mysteries of his time on earth, from his expectation (and isn't that what Advent is all about?), to his birth, his death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit.

In the course of the year we are invited to relive Christ's entire story. And we have heard the story many times. But we must try and see it as new and present and alive. It's not like playing an old video. No, the celebration of each feast brings back the event in its original clarity and vitality, never allowing it to grow cold and lifeless or fade into oblivion. Besides, we are not spectators, but actors in all of this. The mysteries of Christ's life are presented in such a way that we are drawn into them, invited to become participants in them. That makes it more demanding, but more enriching and exciting too. God is not just a God of the past, but of the present and the future ... the One who is, who was, and who ever shall be.

Each year we try to hear the Christ story better, understand it more deeply, and make it our own. In hearing His story we can hear our own stories. Our stories merge with Christ's and are illuminated by it. His story enables us to live our own story more fully and more joyfully.

Even though we have made this journey before, together let us try to embark on it today, this First Sunday of Advent, this first day of the Liturgical Year, as if for our very first time. A New Year offers an opportunity to make a new beginning in our following Christ.

May this season of expectant and hopeful waiting be filled with the blessings of peace, joy and love. May we do our part to share these blessings with whomever we meet.

Peace and all good,
Fr. Matt

Stewardship

November 24 & 25

Saturday 5pm -	\$546.00
Sunday 8am -	\$467.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,928.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$314.00
Outside Mass -	\$734.79
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$801.60</u>
Collection Total -	\$4,791.39
Budgeted -	\$5,000.00
Thanksgiving -	\$3,028.31
Christmas Flowers -	\$1,158.00

This week there is a second collection for the MHR Music Program. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.
Thank you for your generous support!

MHR AIDS Support Group

Emmanuel Tree Project: Our annual Emmanuel Tree



Christmas Gift Project to provide a gift to our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities' Leland House is in the entrance. Your generosity with this project has always been outstanding; we hope you will be able to participate once again this year. Please take an ornament request and return the gift to the church or

rectory by Thursday, December 20th.

Visitors Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. **There are currently 4 men in need of a visiting volunteer:**

A Client in the Mission – a friendly man with a small dog is looking for a Spanish-Speaking volunteer for company.

A Client in the Mission – a parishioner needs ongoing help in keeping his collection of costumes organized. He is also looking for computer help with Word and changing his website.

A Client in SOMA – a friendly, chatty man interested in many different subjects. He would like someone to talk to.

A Client in the Castro – a nearby resident with a small dog is looking for a couple of hours of company: talking and walking the neighborhood.

For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at **415-863-6259** or email **pete-asg@mhr.org**

As part of our annual Christmas Love Drive, we invite you to take one of the gift tags from our Emmanuel Tree and write your name and then return the wrapped gift to the parish by Thursday December 20th. All gifts will go to Leland House, a residence run by Catholic Charities for low-income San Francisco residents with HIV/AIDS and psychiatric disorders or substance addiction.

We also encourage you to take part in our Christmas card drive to help the many victims of the horrible fires that have devastated huge swaths of our beautiful state:

- At all of our Masses this weekend, we will have blank Christmas Cards available for parishioners to take, in the Narthex by the Emmanuel Tree
- Take a card home, write a personal handwritten message inside, and include a purchased Safeway gift card, a gas card, or a VISA/MasterCard gift card for \$50
- Return your card to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it in the mail (they will be pre-addressed and stamped), wishing the recipient of your kindness a wonderful Christmas
- If you prefer: You may drop off a check to the parish for the card drive, clearly marked, and we will purchase the gift card and write a Christmas card for you

A couple of weeks before Christmas, all of this goodness will be distributed to those who will gratefully receive from the kind hearts of our people.

PLEASE NOTE: If you decide to take part in the Christmas gift card project, we would ask that you write the value on the card. The **personal touch** will be your Christmas card message or your Christmas letter, wishing them God's blessings as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Thank you!

Community Life

- **Monday, December 3rd** - the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will meet 6pm to 7:15pm in the MHR Library. We work on putting faith into action. All are welcome.
- **Tuesday, December 4th** - **Young Adults Meeting** - 7:30pm in the Church. Email yag@mhr.org for information.
- **Thursday, December 6th** - **Lessons and Carols with Janèt Sullivan Whitaker** - 7pm in the Church.
- **Sunday, December 9th** - **The Annual MHR Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale!** 9am to 3pm in Ellard Hall. Email marileehearn@sbcglobal.net to participate.

Visit us!

On the web: **www.mhr.org**

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

Instagram: **mhr Catholics**

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Tomas Gastelum, Jim Kurth, Larry Steffensen, Jesse Amaral, Dennis Callahan, Stella Pierre, Renee Espinoza, Andrew Hayes, Jay Guevara, Tara O'Neill, Jason Kreuziger, Peter Wise, John Ferrara, Mark Molina and Joe Quigley.

Simbang Gabi - Advent Novena

Simbang Gabi ("Evening Mass") is a long-held tradition in the Philippines of celebrating Advent for nine days before Christmas, to symbolize the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. This tradition arrived to the Philippines with Spanish rule in the 1500s and was then brought to the US by Filipino immigrants in the 1960s. A well-known belief among the Filipinos is that if a devotee completes all nine days of the Simbang Gabi, a request made as part of the novena may be granted.

There are two main symbols seen during Simbang Gabi: the "Parol," the star-shaped lantern which symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem; and the "Belen," the familiar nativity scene which waits for the baby Jesus to arrive on Christmas Eve.

The Parol for each parish is blessed each year during Commissioning Mass at the Cathedral. The blessed Parols are then placed by the altars of the parishes, where they stay lit for the nine days of Simbang Gabi, to symbolize lighting the way for those who journey to find the manger of Jesus Christ in their hearts.

This year, the Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass will be celebrated by His Archbishop Cordileone on Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 7:30pm.

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE:

Dec 15: St Dominic, 5:30 pm

Dec 16: Most Holy Redeemer, 6:30 pm

Dec 17: Most Holy Redeemer, 7:00pm

Dec 18: St Ignatius, 7:30 pm

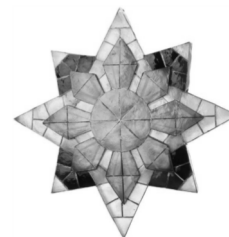
Dec 19: Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm

Dec 20: Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm

Dec 21: St Ignatius, 5:30pm

Dec 22: St Monica, 6:30 pm

Dec 23: Cathedral, 7:30am* (please note this is an early morning mass)



Mass Intentions

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday, December 1

8am Salvacion Fernandez (L)
5pm Edric Jonathan Malksi (L)

Sunday, December 2

8am Rose Zimbardo †
10am Eliseo Alegria †
and Adelina Popplewell †
6:30pm Audrey Simmons (L)

Monday, December 3

8am Alfredo L. Reyes (L)

Tuesday, December 4

8am Ed Laufenberg †

Wednesday, December 5

8am Richard Fuselier †

Thursday, December 6

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, December 7

8am Jullius Benedict Villena (L)
7pm Vivi Blanquie †

Saturday, December 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †
5pm Amelia & Henry Tokis †

Contact the Parish Office at 415-863-6259 to have Mass celebrated for a special intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers.

Prayer Requests

Frances Alvarez, AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Tom Battipaglia, Christine Betz, Bonnie Bloom, Chuck Bold, Joshua Daigle, Donna Granata, Marilyn Faulk, Steve Faegley, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Donna Granata, John Gutierrez, Michael Hall, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Olivier Hubert, Christian Irizarry, Brain Lee Kissel, Michael Leonard, Malayat Likitpongsathon, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Michal Offutt, Charlene Ohl, Linda Poelzl, Sunder Sachdev, Eric Schleicher, Liz Schultz, John Schwobeda, Julian Shedletsky, Samantha Tong, Christine Lane Tracy, Nan Tribuzio, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Gail Whitaker, John Williams and Ryan Zuniga, †Theresa Anderson†, †Carlos Asiain†, †Diosdado Blanco†, †Jim Compton†, †Gerard Concannon†, †Ted Frost†, †Winifred Hughes Milo† and †Brian Stewart Thomast.

MHR Parish Registration

- New parishioner?
- Birthday, Anniversary, sacraments, milestones?
- Notices and announcements?
- Have you moved?
- *Did we miss your birthday? We are sorry if we did. Let us know when your birthday was, by updating your information with the Parish Office at www.mhr.org and click on the contact us tab.*

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